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SUBJ: KENYAN LABOR LEADER SUPPORTS CALL TO EMBARGO TRANSPORT  
TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA

REF: NAIROBI 8113, NAIROBI 8007

1. ON AUGUST 21 SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF TRADE UNIONS (COTU) JUMA BOY STATED PUBLICLY THAT KENYAN WORKERS FULLY SUPPORTED AN OATUU CALL FOR AFRICAN NATIONS TO EMBARGO ALL SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA. BOY, WHO IS ALSO GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE KENYAN DOCK WORKERS UNION, SAID HE WOULD BE CHECKING WITH OATUU HEAD-QUARTERS IN ACCRA TO SEE HOW OTHER NATIONS WERE RESPONDING TO THIS CALL. HE ADDED HE WOULD ASK GOK INSTITUTE EMBARGO IMMEDIATELY, AND WOULD GET DOCK WORKERS READY TO IMPLEMENT IT WHEN GOVERNMENT GIVES GREEN LIGHT.

2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 25, BOY SAID HE HAD MEETING SCHEDULED TOMORROW WITH MINISTER FOR POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS OMOLO OKERO TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT TO DATE GOK WAS NOT SEIZED WITH URGENCY OF INSTITUTING SUCH AN EMBARGO, BUT SUGGESTED  
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THAT EVEN IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL EMBARGO WORKERS MIGHT

REFUSE TO HANDLE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: IN RECENT MONTHS JUMA BOY HAS BEEN FLEXING HIS POLITICAL MUSCLE AND GEETING AWAY WITH IT. LAST MONTH HE CHALLENGED POWERFUL COAST PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER MAHIHU ON MATTER OF INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF ALIENS AND APPARENTLY PREVAILED. SEE REFTELS.

4. THIS IS, OF COURSE, A MATTER WITH WIDER RANGING IMPLICATIONS AND IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT JUMA BOY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO MAKE KENYAN FOREIGN POLICY. NONETHELESS, IT WAS EMBOFF'S IMPRESSION THAT, AT MINIMUM, HE MEANS BUSINESS IN PRESSING MATTER WITH GOK.  
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